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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR

YEAR 1940.

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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1940.

To His Worship the Mayor and Corporation of the
Borough of Pembroke.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the health
of the Borough for the year 1940.

GENERAL STATISTICS:

The area of the Borough is a little over 8
square miles.

Estimated population	-	11,230.
Number of inhabited houses	-	3,226.
Rateable Value	-	£53148.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-	£167.16.6.05

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS:

There were 220 births in the Borough - 112
males and 108 females - giving a birth rate of
19.5 compared with 18.8 for the previous year. Of
the total births 18 were illegitimate - 9 males and
9 females - compared with 3 for the year 1939.

The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 14.6.

There were 11 still-births as against 14
last year.

There were 226 Deaths representing a Death
Rate of 20.1, an increase of 2.3 on the figure for
the year 1939, when it was 17.8.

The Deaths from all causes were as follows:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females:</u>
Cerebro Spinal ..	1	2
Whooping Cough ..	-	2
Diphtheria ..	1	2
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system ..	2	3
Syphilitic Diseases ..	1	-
Influenza ..	3	2
Acute inf. enceph. ..	-	1
Cancer ..	12	11
Diabetes ..	-	2
Intra cran: vasc: lesions. ..	5	15
Heart Disease ..	22	24
Other diseases of circulatory system. ..	6	1
Bronchitis. ..	4	6
Pneumonia. ..	6	5
Other respiratory diseases. ..	-	2
Ulcer &c. ..	-	2
Other digestive diseases. ..	2	2
Nephritis. ..	5	1
Other maternal causes. ..	-	1
Premature Birth. ..	3	1
Con. mal. birth injury. ..	1	2
Road accidents. ..	2	-
Other violent causes. ..	7	5
All other causes. ..	28	25
TOTALS.	<u>111.</u>	<u>115.</u>

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR:

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified:</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever.	17	17	-
Whooping Cough.	13	-	2
Diphtheria.	34	34	3
Erysipelas.	5	-	-
Measles.	78	8	-
Pneumonia.	32	-	11
Peurperal Pyrexia	1	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY:

The Death Rate of Infants under one year of age was 69.1 per 1,000 births, as compared with 46.7 for the previous year.

There were no deaths from diarrhoea amongst the infants.

TUBERCULOSIS:

The arrangements for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis is carried out by the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association. Dr., D. Ivor A. Williams, the Tuberculosis Physician, attends every Friday at The Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital, Pembroke Dock, and examines all cases referred to him.

TUBERCULOSIS:

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1940.

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES.				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15.	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
25.	9	2	1	1	1	2	-	-
35.	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55.	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
65 & onwards.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
TOTALS.	11	2	5	4	3	2	-	-

It was not found necessary to take any action under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, nor under Section 62 of the Public Health Act 1925.

The Medical Practitioners practising in the Borough continue to carry out their duties satisfactorily with regard to notification of all cases of Tuberculosis.



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The disinfection of premises vacated by Tuberculous patients, by reason of death or removal, is undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector.

The Public Health Office is situate in Bush Street, Pembroke Dock.

There is a part-time Medical Officer of Health and one whole-time Sanitary Inspector. Both these Officers act as Sanitary Inspectors.

General Nursing is performed by three District Nurses working under the directions of two voluntary District Nursing Associations subsidised by the County Council. These Nurses also act as Midwives together with one other trained Midwife in the area.

WATER SUPPLY:

The Water Supply is drawn from two sources, viz., (1) Milton New Spring which is situated outside the Borough boundary, and (2) a number of springs inside that line.

The supply is quite satisfactory.

MILK SUPPLY:

The Food and Drugs Acts are administered by the Police.

The Milk supplies within the Borough are analysed periodically and maintain a high standard of purity. Licences for the production of T.T. and Accredited Milks are issued by the County Council, and are sampled by their officials at regular intervals.

HOSPITALS:

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the County Council:-

(1) TUBERCULOSIS: Sealyham Hospital for advanced pulmonary cases, and Kensington Hospital, St. Brides for surgical Tuberculosis: the former has provision for 30 beds and the latter 110.

These Hospitals are directly under the control of the Welsh National Memorial Association.

There are two Hospitals in the area: The Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital, Pembroke Dock, and the Cottage Hospital, Pembroke, where general medical and surgical treatment are carried out.

There is also the Public Assistance Institution available.

There are no private Nursing Homes.

Five beds are available at the Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital for maternity cases.

AMBULANCES:

Cases requiring treatment at the County War Memorial Hospital are conveyed there by an Ambulance attached to the Hospital. The County Isolation Hospital possesses an Ambulance of its own. The

Military and Royal Air Force Ambulances can be obtained in an emergency. The facilities are sufficient for the needs of the Borough.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

The County Council is responsible for the treatment of Infectious Diseases, and the Hospital which was situated in the Borough was vacated in the middle of the year under review owing to enemy action. It is now established at Begelly House, Kilgetty.

The two school Clinics under your control are proving beneficial.

There was a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre held at the Nurses Home and Meyrick Hospital on the first and third Fridays in each month, but this has been discontinued on account of the serious times through which we are passing.

The Local Authority under the Mental Deficiency Acts 1913-1938 is the County Council.

Cases of Puerperal Fever are treated in local Hospitals.

The Legislation relative to Public Health Services remains the same.

HOUSING:

Statistics are given in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

RIVERS AND STREAMS:

No pollution has been recorded during the year.

SCHOOLS:

The sanitary conditions and water supply to schools are satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE:

These matters are fully dealt with by the Sanitary Inspector in his Report.

REFUSE COLLECTION:

This too is dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for their courtesy and support, to the Town Clerk for his great help, and to the Sanitary Inspector for his able assistance.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
D. STEWART,
Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Offices,
PEMBROKE DOCK.
August 1941.

To His Worship the Mayor and Corporation

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 1940.

COMPLAINTS AND NUISANCES:

During the year a number of complaints and nuisances were received and investigated, and in all cases where a nuisance existed it was abated.

Attention has again had to be paid to the removal of rubbish from back lanes. A number of people still seem to regard their back lanes as a dumping ground for rubbish of all sorts, especially garden refuse. On various occasions notices have been sent to whole streets where this nuisance existed, and although this had a salutary effect for a period, the trouble arises again at a later date.

One recurring complaint is that of slop water being discharged into street gutters in certain districts which are not drained. I can only reiterate the opinion expressed in previous reports that the nuisance will not be entirely abated until the House Drainage and Conversion Scheme is completed in the districts concerned.

MARKETS & SLAUGHTERHOUSES:

The number of Slaughterhouses in the Borough is four, two public and two private, one public and one private in the Pembroke Ward, and one public and one private in the Pater Ward.

On 15th January the public slaughterhouse in the Pater Ward came under Government control, and from that date to the end of the year the following number of animals were slaughtered:-

994 cattle, 836 calves, 8283 sheep and 1151 pigs.

Regular inspections of meat are carried out and the following have been condemned:-

9 cows carcasses, 1 heifers carcasse, 6 pigs carcasses, 1 calf's carcasse, and 7 sheep's carcasses, also a number of organs.

FACTORIES:

The number of Factories within the meaning of the Act is 75, there being 45 in the Pater Ward, and 30 in the Pembroke Ward. The number of Bake-houses in the Borough is 16. Inspections have been made during the year of all Factories in the Borough, and only two complaints were found. These were attended to immediately.

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS & MILKSHOPS:

The number of cowkeepers, dairymen and retailers registered in the Borough is 77; of this number 52 are producer retailer, 6 are retailers, and 19 are producers only. Only 2 of the 20 producers sell their milk wholesale. 34 of the producer retailers are situated in the Borough, and 18 have their premises outside. Of the 6 retailers, five are resident in the Borough and one enters from outside. Accredited milk is retailed by 2 vendors and Tuberculin Tested Milk by 2 vendors.

During the year 16 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological and biological examination, and of these 6 were not of Accredited Standard. All 16 samples were found to be free from tubercle bacilli.

All premises in the Borough have been regularly inspected and little cause for complaint has been found.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTIONS &c:

The usual precautions have been taken to restrict the spread of infectious disease, and where patients have been isolated at home, a leaflet has been sent containing instructions.

During the year 46 disinfections were carried out in the Borough.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE:

Refuse is collected in both Wards and disposed of by tipping as in former years. There are five refuse tips in the Borough, three in the Pater Ward, and two in the Pembroke Ward.

In both Wards this service is done by contract.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES:

There is one Common Lodging House in the Borough situated in Pembroke. Inspections have been regularly carried out and no contravention of the Byelaws found.

DRAINAGE WORK:

During the past year a fair amount of progress has been made on the House Drainage and Conversion Scheme. 245 houses were converted to the water carriage system in the Pembroke Ward and 40 in the Pater Ward.

The number of sanitary conveniences in the

Borough is approximately as follows:-

	<u>W.C's.</u>	<u>Pail Closets.</u>	<u>Privies.</u>
Pembroke	566	280	201
Pembroke Dock.	1749	21	61

These figures show an increase of 246 W.C's in the Pembroke Ward, and 41 W.C's in the Pater Ward.

Alterations and additions to existing drainage work have been carried out at a further two houses in the Borough. All the work has been carried out to my satisfaction and in accordance with the Byelaws.

SHOPS:

No action was called for under the provisions of the Shops Act, in respect of the ventilation, temperature, and sanitary conveniences of shops.

SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS:

There are no swimming baths or pools available in the Borough for the use of the public.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS:

No houses were found to be infested with bed bugs.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1938:

There are 13 premises registered for the sale of or the manufacture for the purpose of sale of ice-cream, and 23 premises are registered for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food.

All the premises are inspected regularly and little cause for complaint was found.

OVERCROWDING:

The number of overcrowded houses in the Borough is 40, but no new cases of overcrowding have been found.

HOUSING:

During the year inspections of houses have been continued, and altogether 891 were inspected.

During the year several air raids damaged a number of houses, the details being as follows:-

7 houses were totally destroyed.
11 houses were so badly damaged that demolition was necessary.
104 houses were seriously damaged, but were capable of repair.
730 houses were slightly damaged.

First-aid repairs have been carried out at 834 houses.

Further details are included in the tabulated statement at the end of the report.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to the Council for the consideration extended to my periodical reports and recommendations.

Your obedient servant,

NORMAN B. JONES,

Sanitary Inspector.

T A B U L A T E D S T A T E M E N T.

<u>COMPLAINTS:</u>	Received and investigated.	60.
<u>NUISANCES:</u>	Action.	58.

<u>SLAUGHTERHOUSES:</u>	Number on Register	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public:</u>
		2	2

MARKETS:	Inspections.	..	52.
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UN SOUND FOOD:	From Slaughterhouse.	16933 lbs.
	From Shops.	569 lbs.

<u>DAIRIES:</u>	Number on Register	77
	Producer Retailers.	52
<u>COWSHEDS</u>	Producers only.	19.
	Wholesale Producers.	2.
<u>AND MILK</u>	Retailers only.	6.
	Premises within Borough.	56.
<u>SHOPS:</u>	Number of Inspections.	125.

<u>MILK SAMPLES:</u>	Bacteriological.	16.
	Biological.	16.

DISINFECTION: Premises. 46.

<u>FACTORIES:</u>	<u>Bakehouses.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Number of Factories	16	75.
Defects.		2.
Inspections.		150.

<u>COMMON LODGING</u>	Number on Register.	1.
<u>HOUSES:</u>	Inspections.	5.
	Defects.	Nil.

<u>FOOD & DRUGS</u>	Number of premises registered	
<u>ACT:</u>	for the sale or for the	
	manufacture of Ice Cream.	13.
	Number of premises registered	
	for the preparation or manuf-	
	acture of preserved food &c.	23.
	Inspections.	72.

(1) INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(1) a.	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.	39
b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	39
(2) a.	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected under the Housing Acts	37
b.	Number of inspections made for the purpose	37
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil.
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	34

(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE:

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	30
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(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:

A. -- Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act 1936:

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	3
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a)	By Owners	3
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.

B. -- Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil.
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a)	By Owners	Nil.
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.

